## Welcome to Homecoming



Pope's Chapel United Methodist Church (Tignall Charge)

**ESTABLISHED AUGUST 1786** 

## THIRTY-NINTH ANNUAL HOMECOMING POPE'S CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH October 1, 1995

Robert L. Reynolds, Jr., Pastor Sophia Bamford, Pianist

PRELUDE THE INVOCATION

\*HYMN: "Blessed Assurance"

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WELCOME AND RECOGNITIONS
MEMORIALS FOR THE DECEASED
\*HYMN: "Amazing Grace"

Vic Suttles

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS \*THE DOXOLOGY

THE PASTORAL PRAYER
INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER
THE MESSAGE Mr. Albert Suttles

\*HYMN: "Blest Be The Tie"

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\*INVITATION TO DINNER AND TABLE BLESSING \*BENEDICTION POSTLUDE

\*CONGREGATION STANDING

Welcome to our Thirty-Ninth Annual Homecoming at Pope's Chapel! May you receive a blessing as you worship with us! Everyone is invited to "Dinner on the Grounds" following the Worship Service.

Flowers have been placed at the altar this morning to the Glory of God in memory of Mrs. Wilma B. Norman by her husband, Mr. Horace Norman, and her children: Mr. and Mrs. Ben Norman, Mr. and Mrs. Landis Faulk, and Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Norman.

Flowers have been placed on the piano this morning to the Glory of God in memory of Eugenia Bohler by her husband, Clarence Bohler

This morning we welcome as our speaker Mr. Albert Suttles, who resides in Douglas, Ga. with his wife, Joyce, a former member of Pope's Chapel United Methodist Church. Mr. Suttles is President of the United Methodist Men of the South Georgia Conference and serves on the Board of Trustees of Epworth By the Sea and Andrew College. He has served as District Lay Leader of the Waycross District of the South Georgia Conference and was architect for the current Pope's Chapel Church building.

We give thanks for another life with special ties to Pope's Chapel Church.

## AFTERNOON SESSION: 2:00 p.m.

HYMN: "The Church In The Wildwood" 121
SECRETARY'S REPORT Elaine Wheatley
TREASURER'S REPORT Malcolm Chafin
REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS

Tom Wiggins

ELECTION OF OFFICERS
OTHER BUSINESS
HYMN: "God Be With You"
CLOSING PRAYER

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OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES FOR 1995
President Vic Suttles
Vice President Warren Fortson
Secretary Elaine Wheatley
Treasurer Malcolm Chafin

Ushers

David Sale - David Chafin

Nominations:

Tom Wiggins, Elizabeth Chafin, John Keen Table Committee:

Farmer Combs, Jimmy Wheatley, Greg Bunch Guest Registry:

Linda Bunch, Elaine Wheatley

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## POPE'S CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Methodist Society, which was later organized into Pope's Chapel Church, was first organized in August 1786 by Thomas Humphries at the home of James Marks located in what is now Elbert County about 11/2 miles Northeast of Old Baker's Ferry on Broad River. When Elbert County was formed in 1790 from Wilkes County, it left most of the church members in Wilkes County, so the church was relocated into Wilkes County, south about 2 miles from Broad River, on property owned by John Landrum adjoining his homeplace on the east side of Baker's Ferry Road. It was in this location that it received its name, in honor of Rev. Henry Pope, who provided most of the timber used in the building. Bishop Francis Asbury delivered the Dedication Sermon there in 1805. In 1852 the church was again relocated about 2 miles south to its present location. In 1871 Trustees of the church were Benjamin W. Fortson, M. T. Cash, Augustus A. Neal, and James W. Boyd. A second structure was erected in 1897 in which two stained glass windows were installed as a memorial to Benjamin Winn Fortson and his wife Hannah Rebecca Ogilvie by their children. The Dedication Sermon was delivered by Lundye Harris in 1898. This building was severely damaged by a windstorm and a third building, presently in use, was erected in 1957.

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POPE'S CHAPEL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Broad Community
Tignall, Georgia

Dear Friends,

As our sultry summer finally fades into fall, we are reminded that a very special event is just weeks away. Please join us on October 1st for Homecoming at Pope's Chapel! Sunday School begins at 10:30 a.m., the Worship Service at 11:30 a.m., and the Business Session at 2:00 p.m.

Our speaker for the day will be Al Suttles. His association with Pope's Chapel dates back to the late 1940's when he married into our church family and began attending church here. He currently resides in Douglas, Georgia and has been President of the South Georgia Conference on United Methodist Men for the past two years. We will enjoy having him with us.

Following years of tradition, a picnic lunch will be served on the grounds under those old familiar oak trees immediately after the Worship Service. Plan now to take a break from the pressures of life into a simpler place as we visit old friends and renew family ties in the comfort of our little country church.

We look forward to having you with us on October 1st.

Sincerely,

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Elaine Wheatley
Homecoming Secretary